

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 761**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Manny Cruz*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to strengthen the long-term care workforce and capital trust fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>7/11/2025</i>

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By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 761) of Manny Cruz relative to the long-term care workforce and capital trust fund. Elder Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to strengthen the long-term care workforce and capital trust fund.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Subsection (c ) of section 35TTT of chapter 10 of the general laws, as most  
2 recently amended by chapter 197 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended at the end  
3 thereof the following:

4           “Members of said advisory committee, who are not state employees, shall be deemed  
5 “special state employees,” pursuant to the provisions of chapter 268a of the general laws as  
6 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition.”

7           SECTION 2. Said subsection (e) of said section 35TTT of chapter 10, as amended by  
8 chapter 197 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by inserting after the word, “facilities,” the  
9 following words, “provided, however, that eligibility for any such no interest or forgivable  
10 capital loan shall be limited to not-for-profit entities; and by inserting in the same subsection,  
11 after the words “regional entities, the following: “ and (D) for the construction of free-standing

- 12 small house nursing homes serving less than fourteen residents, and operated in collaboration
- 13 with home and community-based supports and services.”